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Annual Report of the Department of Archaeology Gujarat State, Ahmedabad for the year 1964-65.

General :

The Department of Archaeology is concerned with the exploration, excavation, conservation and inspection of physical materials having a bearing on the history of human culture and the preservation of ancient and historical monuments and remains of the State of Gujarat. The Gujarat State is very rich in respect of ancient monuments and sites, the total number of which is about 400 and 200 respectively.

2. Administration :

After the formation of this State in May 1960, there was no separate Department of Archaeology. It used to function as a separate wing under the Director of Education, Ahmedabad with an Archaeologist at Rajkot whose designation was later on changed to that of Assistant Director of Archaeology, who and he looked after the work. In view of the importance of Archaeology, Government thought it fit to create a separate Department of Archaeology and to place it directly under the control of the Secretary to Government, Education and Labour Department. as the Head of Department. Accordingly a separate Department of Archaeology was created in November-1964 with the staff at Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Surat as given in the Annexure.

3. Work done by the Department during the year under report :

(*i*) *Preservation* : The work of cleaning and conservation of the following monuments was done during 1964-65.

Sr. No.	Name of the monuments.	Nane of village	Taluka	District
1.	Shiva Mandir No. 1 ..	Antarsuba	Vijaynagar	Sabarkantha
2.	Shiva Mandir No. 2 ..	,,	,,	,,
3.	Shiva Mandir No. 3 ..	,,	,,	,,
4.	Shiv Shakti temple ..	Abhapur	,,	,,
5.	Jain temple (Lakhena) ..	,,	,,	,,

Sr. No.	Name of the monuments		Name of Village	Taluka	District
6.	Jumma Masjid	..	Junagadh	Junagadh	Junagadh
7.	Adichadi vav	..	,,	,,	,,
8.	Navghan Kuwa	..	,,	,,	,,
9.	Fort wall	..	,,	,,	,,
10.	Dhakka Bari	..	,,	,,	,,
11.	Jain Mandir	..	Prabhas Patan	Veraval	,,
12.	Caves No. 1, 2, 3.	..	,,	,,	,,

The vav of Adadara in the Kalol Taluka of Panchmahals District and 11 old temples at Dehgam out of which 7 are in existance were inspected. A survey of 70 villages was also made during the year under report.

(*ii*) *Excavation and exploration* :—In exploration a site of Harappan period was located at village Pal in Rajkot District while in the village Hathab of Bhavnagar District relics of ancient settlements were discovered. At Rojdi, near Gondal in Rajkot District 520 minute golden beads, 2 silver bangles, 18 large golden beads and 8 barrel shaped golden beads were found in a small earthen pot.

(*iii*) *Coins* :—154 Protuguise and Muslim gold coins, dating back to about 300 years were received from the District Magistrate, Baroda.

(*iv*) *Inspection of Monuments* :—Shri M. P. Vora, an Archaeologist from Porbandar who brought into light two ancient temples of pre-Solanki period *viz.*, (i) near Bileshwar in Barada Hills, and (ii) near Sitamadhi near Madhavpur were inspected during the year.

(*v*) *Archaeological Chemistry* :—The pottery exhibits of prabhas were got analysed in the Archaeological Laboratory at Dehradun of the Government of India. Certain metal pieces of about 4000 years back found at Rojdi were also got analysed by the Chemist of the Baroda Museum.

ANNEXURE

Assistant Director of Archaeology

(Administrative-*cum*-Technical)

- Head Office Rajkot
  - Administrative
  - Technical
- Circle Offices
  - Northern Circle, Ahmedabad
  - Southern Circle, Surat

Administrative	Technical	Northern Circle, Ahmedabad	Southern Circle, Surat
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Peons-5	Artist-*cum*-Modeller		
Watchman-2	Site-Supervisor-*cum*-Store-Keeper		
Chokidar-6	Sub-Overseer		
	Laboratory Assistant		

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General :

The main activities of the Department of Archaeology comprise of the preservation of ancient and historical monuments, explorations and excavations of sites and remains of the State. Gujarat State is very rich in respect of such monuments and sites, the total number of which is about 400 and 200 respectively.

2. Administration :

The Government of Gujarat passed an important legislation called 'The Gujarat Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1965, on 21st November, 1965 with a view to making better provision for the preservation of ancient and historical monuments and records and archaeological sites and remains (other than those declared to be of national importance) in the State of Gujarat. There was no addition to the staff during the year 1965-66.

3. Work done by the Department during the year under report:

(*i*) *Preservation :* The work of repairs and cleaning of the following ancient monuments was undertaken.

Sr. No.	Name of the onuments	Name of village	Taluka	District
1.	Step-well	Dholka	Dholka	Ahmedabad
2.	Ganga Chhatri	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar
3.	Brahma Kund	Shihor	Shihor	,,
4.	Sartanji-no-choro	Porbandar	Porbandar	Junagadh
5.	Kasturba House	,,	,,	,,
6.	Five Old Chhatris	Kotai	Bhuj	Kutch
7.	Temples No. 1 to 5	Kotai	Bhuj	Kutch.
8.	Step-well	Vijapur	Vijapur	Mehsana
9.	Shiv Panchayatan Mandir	Antarsuba	Vijaynagar	Sabarkantha
10.	Shiv Mandir	,,	,,	,,
11.	Jain Temple (Lakhena)	Abhapur	,,	,,
12.	Harischandra's Chori	Shamlaji	Bhiloda	,,

(*ii*) *Excavation and exploration:*—Implements of the stone age about two lakh years back near Jasdan in Rajkot District and Padamdungari near Unai in Bulsar District, stone axes near Rojdi in Gondal Taluka of Rajkot District, laghu Pashan remains at Pal in Rajkot District, two Harappan sites, one at Babra and another at Patdi near Anandpur Chotila in Rajkot District, metalware belonging to the Muslim Age from 15th to 18th Century village Gandharan of Broach District, were discovered.

(*iii*) *Coins.*—Silver and copper coins of Muslim age from Gandharan village of Broach District and from Manavadar and Surendranagar were found.

(*iv*) *Inspection of Monuments:*—11 old temples of village Dehgam out of which 7 are in existance now were examined and seen plastered. A survey of 70 villages was also made for exploration purposes.

(*v*) *Publications :*—The first number of the Museum Monograph Series entitled "The Embroidery and Bead work of Kutch and Saurashtra" was published by the State Department of Archaeology. This embroidery work and bead work represent the special features of our ancient civilisation.

Annual Report of the Department of Archaeology, Gujarat State, Ahmedabad for the year 1966-67.

General :

The functions of the Department of Archaeology are protection and preservation of Ancient and historical monuments, exploration and excavation of old mounds and study of ancient coins and sculptures of architectural and historical value.

2. Administration :

During the year under report the Department of Archaeology was reorganised by shifting its headquarter from Rajkot to Ahmedabad. Northern Circle Office of the Department formed a part of the Head Office and a separate Western Circle Office was opened at Rajkot. The strength of Department was then as given in the Annexure attached.

3. Work done by the Department during the year under reports :

(*i*) *Preservation:*—Preservation work of the following monuments including cleaning, repairing and restoration of pillars, crests, 'Jagatis', 'Torans', and idols was carried out.

Sr. No.	Name of the monument	Name of the village	Taluka	District
1.	Sat Sheri	Shihor	Shihor	Bhavnagar
2.	Jain Mandir	Prabhas Patan	Veraval	Junagadh
3.	Uperkot	Junagadh	Junagadh	Junagadh
4.	Kund and Toran	Kapadvanj	Kapadvanj	Kaira
5.	Vav with stairs	Mehmedabad	Mehmedabad	,,
6.	Group of Jain Temples	Antarsuba	Vijaynagar	Sabarkantha
7.	Group of Shiva temples.	,,	,,	,,
8.	Shiva Mandir	,,	,,	,,
9.	Shiva Panchayatan Mandir	Antarsuba	Vijaynagar	Sabarkantha

Sr. No.	Name of the monument	Name of the village	Taluka	District
10.	Jain Mandir (Lakhena)	Abhapur	Vijaynagar	Sabarkantha
11.	Shiva Shakti Mandir	,,	,,	,,
12.	Vav with stairs	Chorivad	Idar	,,
13.	Do.	Idar	,,	,,
14.	Do.	Shamlaji	Bhiloda	,,
15.	Shiv Mandir	,,	,,	,,
16.	Old Shiva Mandir	,,	,,	,,
17.	Harischandra-ni-chori	,,	,,	,,
18.	Madhavav	Wadhwan	Wadhwan	Surendranagar

Following ancient monuments were noticed during the 'Survey' undertaken during the year and their inclusion in the list of protected monuments was taken up for consideration :—

Sr. No.	Name of Monuments	Name of village	District
1.	Shakti Mandir	Shihori	Ahmedabad
2	Kapaleshwar Mahadev	Vav	Banaskantha
3	Muleshwar Mahadev	Padan	,,
4.	Maha Rudra Temple	Vaghodiya	Baroda
5.	Davda Coupe	Halol	Panchmahals
6.	Hanuman's Mandir	Pithadiya	Rajkot
7.	Shiva Panchayatan Mandir	Bhatoli	Sabarkantha
8.	Bhuteshwar's Mandir	Bharada	Surendranaga
9.	Chaturbhuj's Mandir	Methan	,,
10.	Draupadi Kund Mandir	Drumath	,,
11.	Halvad-ni Vav	Halvad	,,
12.	Hamapar-ni Vav	Hamapar	,,
13.	Jegadva-ni Vav	Jegadva	,,

Sr. No.	Name of Monuments	Name of village	District
14.	Kanabai's Mandir	Kalamad	Surendranagar
15.	Karmadi-ni Vav	Karmad	,,
16.	Khari Vav	Kankavati	,,
17.	Maitri Vav	,,	,,
18.	Rampara-ni Vav	Rampara	,,
19.	Rakhai Mata's Mandir	Rakhai	,,
20.	Thakor Mandir	Dhari	,,
21.	Todari vav	Kankavati	,,
22.	Vavdi-ni vav	Vavdi	,,

(*ii*) *Exploration and research:*—Exploration of Rivers Brahmani, Kankavati, Fulka, Chandrabhaga and Umeya of Surendranagar District and of certain other places in Gujarat was carried out during the year under report and small implements of stone and earthen were found at the following places :

'Laghu Pashan' Age :

Sr. No.	Name of the place	Taluka	District
1.	Jalundara	Dahegam	Ahmedabad
2.	Karol	,,	,,
3.	Nandol	,,	,,
4.	Jetpore	Hansot	Broach
5.	Jhanjhpore (Kadiya Dunger)	Jhagadiya	,,
6.	Padam Oungari	Chikhli	Bulsar
7.	Prantija	Prantija	Sabarkantha
8.	Antroli	Palasana	Surat
9.	Jokha	Kamrej	,,

Sr. No.	Name of the place	Taluka	District
Harappan Age :			
1.	Devgana	Dhandhuka	Ahmedabad
2.	Jobala nesno timbo	,,	,,
3.	Talavadi-no timbo	,,	,,
4.	Benap	Vav	Banaskantha
5.	Pithadiya	Jetpur	Rajkot
Historical Age :			
1.	Shihori	Viramgam	Ahmedabad
2.	Kudiyana	Olpad	Jamnagar
3.	Suvarana tirtha	Dwarka	,,
4.	Vadnagar	Vadnagar	Mehsana
5.	Variav	Choryasi	Surat
6.	Vihol	Hansot	,,

4. Other Important Discoveries :

(*i*) *Copper plate at Vadnagar:*—Two pairs of copper plates with inscriptions dating back to 470 to 789 A.D. of Maitraka Dynesty were found from Vadnagar in Mehsana District on the bank of Sharmistha lake.

(*ii*) *The Caves of Kadiya Dungar:*—Seven caves on the Kadiya Hill at village Jhanjhpore of Jhagadiya Taluka of Broach District bearing carvings, sculptures, architecture, inscriptions and symbols belonging to the Buddha period were discovered. A unique pillar, carved out from a single stone slab with figures of two lions which is a nice piece of sculpture and a coin of the period of Indo-Greek king Minendra were also found.

Annexure

Director of Archaeology

(Administrative-*cum*-Technical)

Head Office Ahmedabad		Circle Offices	
Administrative	Technical	Western Circle, Rajkot	Southern Circle, Surat
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Monument chokidars 2	Sub-Overseer		
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General :

Gujarat State is very rich in respect of ancient monuments and sites. There are about 400 ancient monuments and about 200 ancient sites in the State.

Main functions of the Department of Archaeology are as under :

(*i*) Protection and preservation of Ancient and historical monuments.

(*ii*) Exploration and excavtion of old sites.

(*iii*) Inspection and observation of the mounds and relics.

(*iv*) Implementation of the Gujarat Ancient Monuments and Archaeological sites and Remains Act.

2. Administration :

The headquarters of the Directorate of Archaeology is at Ahmedabad, while, of the two Circle Western and Southern offices are at Rajkot and Surat respectively. There are seven districts in Western Circle *viz.*, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Surendranagar, Junagadh, Amreli and Kutch and six districts in Southern Circle *viz.*, Surat, Baroda, Broach, Panchmahals, Bulsar and Dangs. The Northern Circle office comprises of Ahmedabad, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Kaira and Gandhinagar and forms a part of the headquarters at Ahmedabad. The strength of the Department is given in the Annexure.

3. Legal :

The Gujarat Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1965 was brought into force from 15-12-67. The Gujarat Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules 1967 were framed during the year under Report. The powers conferred upon Govt. by or under the Act were delegated to the Director of Archaeology, he was also declared

as Archaeological Officer under the Act, the Deputy Collector were authorised to perform all or any of the functions of the Collector and the Supdts. of Archaeology were authorised to perform all the functions of the Director under the Act.

4. Work done by the Department during the year under Report :

(*i*) *Preservation :* Preservation work of the following monuments was carried out during the year 1967-68.

Sr. No.	Name of the monuments	Name of the village	Taluka	District
1.	Special repairs to Amritvarshini vav	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad
2.	Ram Kund	Bhuj	Bhuj	Bhuj
3.	Navlakha Temple	Ghumli	Jamnagar	Jamnagar
4.	Kadiya Dunger caves	Zanzpore	Jagadiya	Broach
5.	Wire fencing to group of temple	Ghumli	Jamnagar	Jamnagar
6.	Bhujiya Kotha	Jamnagar	,,	,,
7.	Sun temple	Prabhas-Patan	Veraval	Junagadh
8.	Old Lake	,,	,,	,,
9.	Navghan Kuwa	Junagadh	Junagadh	,,
*10.	Adichadi vav	,,	,,	,,
11.	Babi Makabara	,,	,,	,,
*12.	Jungle clearance of Uperkot	,,	,,	,,
13.	Sartanji's Chora	Porbandar	Porbandar	Junagadh
14.	Step well	Mehmeda-bad	Mehmeda-bad	Kaira
15.	General clearance of Sas vav	Naroda Forest	Lunawada	Panchmahals
16.	General Clearance of Bahu vav	Naroda Forest	Lunawada	Panchmahals
17.	Group of monuments	,,	,,	,,

Sr. No.	Name of the monuments	Name of the village	Taluka	District
*18.	Two Jain shrine near Jain temples	Abhapur	Vijaynagar	Sabarkantha
19.	Jain temple	,,	,,	,,
20.	Sarneshwar temple	,,	,,	,,
21.	Wire fencing to group of temple	,,	,,	,,
22.	Sadevanta Savlinga group of temple	Antarsuba	,,	,,

*Photographs are attached.

Following ancient monuments were noticed during the 'Survey' made during the year and their inclusion in the list of protected monuments was taken up for consideration.

Sr. No.	Name of the monuments	Name of the village	District
1.	Shiv Temple	Kalmad	Surendra-nagar
2.	Step-Well	Sarvad (Morvi)	Rajkot
3.	Cave	Bhoira (Jasdan)	,,
4.	Samadhi of Nana Saheb Peshwa	Morvi	,,
5.	Residence of Nana Saheb Peshwa (Sheth-ni-Vakhar)	,,	,,

(*ii*) *Exploration and Research:*—Exploration of River Saraswati of Mehsana District and of certain other places of

Gujarat was carried out during the year. The following sites were noted for antiquities.

Sr. No.	Site	Nearest village	Taluka	District
Early Stone Age Sites :				
1.	Bhukhi River	Nakhatrana	Nakhatrana	Bhuj
2.	Khari River	Sukhapar	Halvad	Surendra-nagar.
Microlithic Site :				
1.	Right Bank of Sone-rekh between Kham-dhrol and Khalilpur	Khalilpur	Junagadh	Junagadh
Harappan Sites :				
1.	Rampar-Vekara-no timbo	Bhuj	Bhuj	Kutch
2.	Khareda-no timbo		Kotda Sangani	Rajkot
Early Historic Sites :				
1.	Bhetadiya Bhan-no timbo	Bholad	Dhandhuka	Ahmedabad
2.	Mori-ma Mound	Dholera	,,	,,
3.	Hinshor-no timbo	Hinshor	Siddhapur	Mehsana
4.	Mahemadpur-no timbo	Mahmadpur	Prantija	Sabarkantha
5.	Old mound Kham-dhrol	Junagadh	Junagadh	Junagadh
6.	Uperkot mound	Timana	Talaja	Bhavnagar

(*iii*) *Coins.* : 118 Muslim silver coins were found from Vasan, District Gandhinagar.

Annexure

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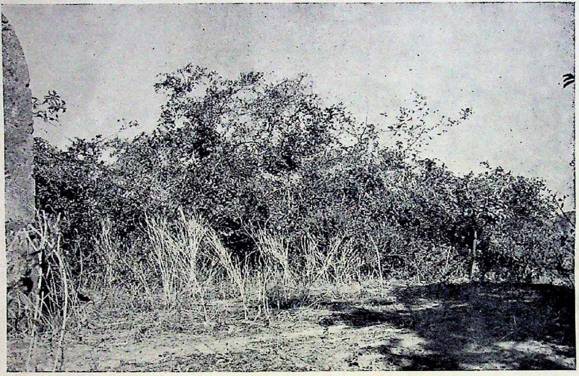

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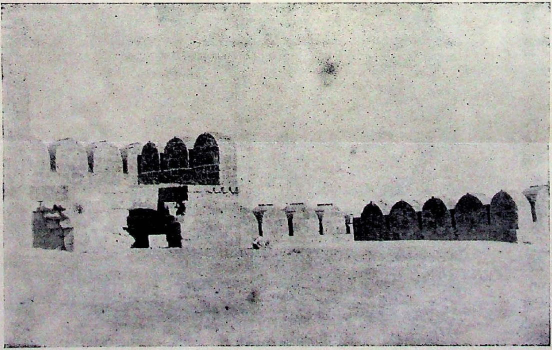

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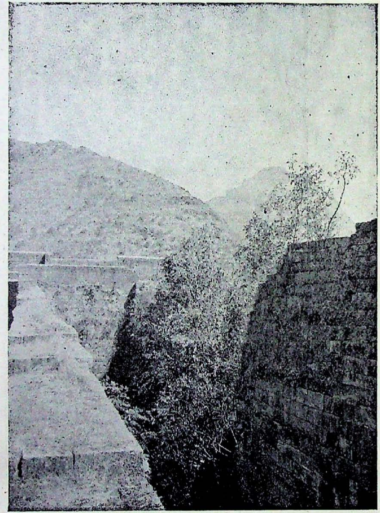

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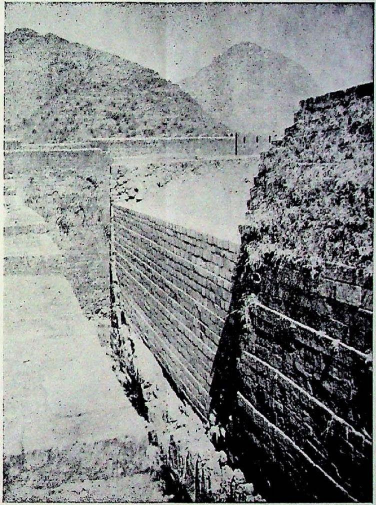

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TWO JAIN SHRINE TEMPLE, ABHAPUR

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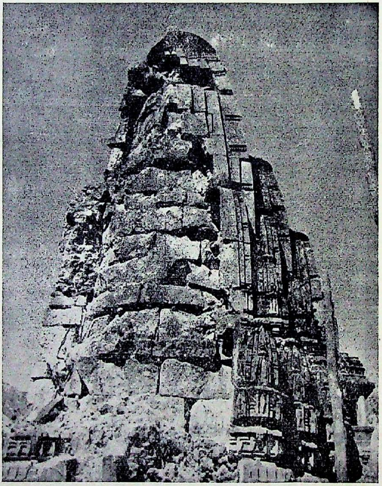

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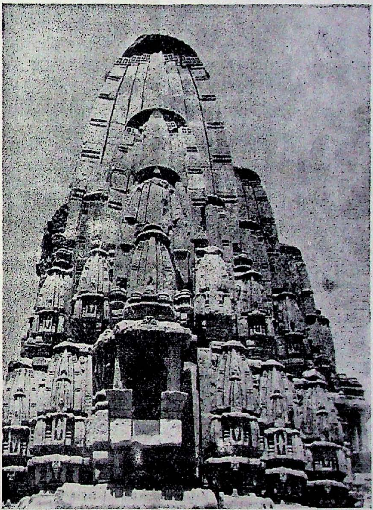

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